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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* application of: CHRISTIAN *et al.*

Serial No. 09/677,653

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: INSECT VIRUSES AND THEIR  
USES IN PROTECTING PLANTS

Examiner: LUCAS, Zacharijah

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 23, 2003. It is accompanied by a petition for three month extension of time and the requisite fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-58631-4/RFT/THR).

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

A list of Pending Claims has been included as an Appendix for the Examiner's convenience.